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Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs

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Your Excellency, Dear Dr. Bagheri,

I have received your new letter of 4th June which seems to have crossed my reply letter transmitted to you on 4 June.

Let me say that I am somewhat surprised by the issues raised in your recent letters. I would like to recall that during our talks in Baghdad the E3+3 presented a straightforward proposal which addresses on the one hand our key concerns on the 20% enrichment activities and at the same time offers interesting opportunities for co-operation in the nuclear and other areas which would be beneficial for Iran.

At that time, E3+3 have already expressed readiness to have in-depth discussions, including at the level of experts, in order to examine the details of this proposal.

Unfortunately, in Baghdad Iran was not prepared to take up our suggestion to enter into discussions on the substance of the proposal.

We would feel very encouraged if Iran were now ready to enter into these discussions since it remains the collective conviction of the E3+3 that this proposal continues to represent the most promising basis for moving our discussions towards achieving concrete results at an early stage.

In and following Istanbul, we have established a clear and positive framework for a sustained process of serious dialogue. You and I had numerous phone calls and long meetings to work towards this end. Now there is a need to engage seriously on issues of substance in order to agree on concrete confidence building steps which could be implemented swiftly. We are very much hoping for a political commitment on your side.

As I have told you earlier, High Representative Cathy Ashton is engaging directly with H.E. Dr. Jalili in order to see how to get to a common understanding on a successful handling of the talks in Moscow. It should be our common objective to achieve concrete results.

I have asked to speak to you today to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

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